

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claim 6 as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) An information managing system comprising an information managing server for distributing information, and a service terminal for receiving the distributed information from said information managing server,

wherein said information managing server comprises:

registration means for registering information to be distributed; and

setting means for setting valid dates of the information registered by said registration means at said service terminal,

and said service terminal comprises:

reception means for receiving the registered information from the information managing server;

storage means for storing the registered information received by the reception means;

determination means for determining whether the information stored by said storage means is printed or not at the service terminal; and

notification means for providing notification information to a communication terminal of a user who uses said service terminal, wherein the notification information is based on a result of said determination by said determination means and based on the set valid dates.

2. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein said registration means registers the information to be distributed and a code in correspondence with each other, wherein the code includes identification information for identifying a user

who uses said service terminal as a distribution destination of the information to be distributed.

3. to 5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) A control method for an information managing system having an information managing server for distributing information, and a service terminal for receiving the distributed information ~~with~~ from the information managing server, comprising:

- a registration step of registering information to be distributed in the information managing server;

- a setting step of setting valid dates at the service terminal of the information registered in the information managing server in the registration step;

- a reception step of receiving the registered information by the service terminal from the information managing server;

- a storing step of storing the registered information received in the reception step in the service terminal;

- a determination step of determining whether the information stored in the storing step is printed or not at the service terminal; and

- a notification step of providing notification information to a communication terminal of a user who uses the service terminal, wherein the notification information is based on a result of the determination step and the set valid dates.

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 6, wherein the registration step registers the information to be distributed and a code in correspondence with each other, wherein the code includes identification information for identifying a user

who uses the service terminal as a distribution destination of the information to be distributed.

8. to 10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable memory which stores program codes for control of an information managing system having an information managing server for distributing information, and a service terminal for receiving the distributed information from the information managing server, comprising:

a program code of a registration step of registering information to be distributed in the information managing server;

a program code of a setting step of setting in the service terminal valid dates of the information registered in the information managing server in the registration step;

a program code of a reception step of receiving by the service terminal the registered information from the information managing server;

a program code of a storing step of storing in the service terminal the registered information received in the reception step;

a program code of a determination step of determining whether the information stored in the storing step is printed or not at the service terminal; and

a program code of a notification step of providing notification information to a communication terminal of a user who uses the service terminal, wherein the notification information is based on a result of the determination step and the set valid dates.

12. (Previously Presented) An information managing apparatus for distributing information, comprising:

registration means for registering information to be distributed;

setting means for setting valid dates of the information registered by said registration means;

distribution means for distributing the registered information to a service terminal to be stored in a storage means of said service terminal;

determination means for determining whether the information stored by said storage means is printed or not at said service terminal; and

notification means for providing notification information to a communication terminal of a user who uses said service terminal, wherein the notification information is based on a result of the determination by the determination means and the set valid dates.

13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said registration means registers the information to be distributed and a code in correspondence with each other, wherein the code includes identification information for identifying a user who uses said service terminal as a distribution destination of the information to be distributed.

14. to 16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) A control method for an information managing apparatus for distributing information, comprising:

a registration step of registering information to be distributed;

a setting step of setting valid dates of the information registered in the registration step;

a distribution step of distributing the registered information to a service terminal to be stored in a storage means of the service terminal;

a determination step of determining whether the information stored by the storage means is printed or not at the service terminal; and

a notification step of providing notification information to a communication terminal of a user who uses the service terminal, wherein the notification information is based on a result of the determination step and the set valid dates.

18. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 17, wherein the registration step registers the information to be distributed and a code in correspondence with each other, wherein the code includes identification information for identifying a user who uses the service terminal as a distribution destination of the information to be distributed.

19. to 21. (Canceled)

22. (Previously Presented) A computer-readable memory which stores program codes of a control program of an information managing apparatus for distributing information, comprising:

a program code of a registration step of registering information to be distributed;

a program code of a setting step of setting valid dates of the information registered in the registration step;

a program code of a distribution step of distributing the registered information to a service terminal to be stored in a storage means of the service terminal;

a program code of a determination step of determining whether the information stored by the storage means is printed or not at the service terminal; and

a program code of a notification step of providing notification information to a communication terminal of a user who uses the service terminal, wherein the notification information is based on a result of the determination step and the set valid dates.

23. (Previously Presented) An information managing system comprising an information managing server for distributing information, and a service terminal for receiving the distributed information from said information managing server,

wherein said information managing server comprises:

registration means for registering information to be distributed;

setting means for setting valid dates of the information registered by said registration means at said service terminal;

determination means for determining whether the information stored by storage means is printed or not at the service terminal; and

notification means for providing notification information to a communication terminal of a user who uses said service terminal, wherein the notification information is based on the set valid dates and a determination result of said determination means,

and wherein said service terminal comprises:

reception means for receiving the registered information from the information managing server; and

storage means for storing the registered information received by reception means.

24. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 1, wherein said registration means registers the information to be distributed and a code in correspondence with each other, wherein the code includes identification information for identifying a user who uses said service terminal as a distribution destination of the information to be distributed.